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## LEARN FROM OTHER PEOPLE'S MISTAKES

"There is no way to live long enough to make all the mistakes yourself ... you have to learn from other people's mistakes."

— Mr. Jim Glenn a retired Air Force pilot

Mr. Glenn's sentiment matches the goal of THE COMBAT EDGE. We try to share "there I was" or "there by the grace of God go I" experiences, so others may learn from them and avoid the same mistakes. We are fortunate to have many members of Air Combat Command willing to share their close calls and sometimes embarrassing moments to help others.

However, all too frequently we say it could never happen to me. So we see ACC people repeating those mistakes over and over again. In that regard, I encourage each member of Air Combat Command to share their experiences and for leaders and wingmen to mentor others on mission risks and the risks in our daily lives.

As a wise person said ...  
you may never know "if the life  
you save might be your own."

**Colonel Kevin W. Smith**  
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